

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3780
ANSWERED ON:13.12.2000
INDEBTEDNESS OF RURAL SC ST FAMILIES
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Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

to the reply given to USQ No. 2773 on August 9, 2000 and state:

- (a) whether the information has since been collected;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the time by which the information is likely to be laid on the table of the House?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SMT. MANEKA GANDHI)

USQ No. 2773 on August 9, 2000, refers to three points namely:-

- (a) whether Dr. Ambedkar Birth Centenary Celebration Committee recommended formulation of Scheme for removal of indebtedness of rural SC/ST families;
- (b) if so, the details of the scheme launched, implemented with results achieved so far; and
- (c) if not, other measures being taken in this regard?

(a)&(b) The subject matter of the Question relates to removal of indebtedness for rural SC/ST families. This matter was taken up with the Central Ministries. Banking Division of the Ministry of Finance had indicated that loan facilities from banks are extended to SC/ST beneficiaries under various schemes for poverty alleviation and employment generation such as Prime Minister's Rozgar Yojana, Swarnjayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojana, Scheme for Liberation and Rehabilitation of Scavengers. Under these schemes, assistance for training and subsidy is provided by the concerned Ministries and credit facilities by the Banks. Further, under priority sector, domestic banks are required to lend 10 per cent of their net bank credit to weaker sections including SCs and STs. The Banking Division of the Ministry of Finance has mentioned that no separate scheme has been formulated specially for benefit of SCs and STs.

(c)&(d) Does not arise.